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## MY INTEREST IN FIGHTING CORRUPTION



s many of you know, I have invested a significant part of my time supporting the fight against corruption. I was reflecting on this subject as a result of a lunch that we had in the Mexican Chamber of the Construction Industry (CMIC, by its Spanish acronym) with Roberto Moreno Herrera, executive secretary of the National Anti-Corruption System (SNA, by its Spanish acronym). For this reason, I would like to take advantage of this space to share with you what I have been able to do so far in this regard.

I have attended the World Economic Forum for 26 years. Among the many initiatives they have, one has been of particular interest to me: the Partnering Against Corruption Initiative (PACI). This initiative is the main platform for many CEOs around the world, based on public-private cooperation and information technologies, which are becoming increasingly important in our lives.

On the other hand, I also participate in the Infrastructure Transparency Initiative (CoST), which originated in the United Kingdom with the purpose to increase transparency and accountability in the construction of public infrastructure. It is currently implemented in Mexico, especially in Jalisco and Nuevo León. Its director, Jonathan Hawkins, as well as the executive director, Petter Matthews, are good friends of mine, whom I visit whenever I have the opportunity to travel to London.

There is a growing competition between the United States and China, consisting in who will write the rules of international trade. Given this, the first of these has promoted an anti-corruption initiative through the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) called **the Blue Dot Network**, consisting of the certification of infrastructure projects with high quality standards. I am currently working so that Mexico can be part of the initiative, since it would help our country very much.

It is in these efforts that **the National Anti-Corruption System (SNA)** is part of an ambitious national project created just in 2017. I took advantage of the lunch we had at CMIC to deliver a letter to the executive secretary of said system, where I told him about the work we have done in this regard with international organizations.

It is possible that **we sign a collaboration agreement** with the SNA with specific proposals that we will be continually reviewed. It is our way of contributing, from our sector, a grain of sand to the country in the fight against corruption. It would be more work, but a very satisfying and enriching one.